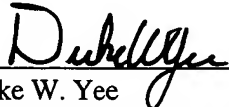


**REMARKS**

Claims 11-24 are pending. Claims 1-10 are canceled. Claims 11-24 remain in the application. These claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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